

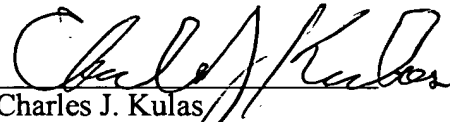
REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6 and 14-19 remain pending in the present application. Claims 5, 6 14 and 15 are allowed. The remaining claims 1-4 and 16-19 are canceled by this amendment.

Accordingly, the present claims are in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-279-5098.

Respectfully submitted,

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